

# THE PULSE

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NEEDED BY THE CENTER: 4,000 CIVIL DEFENSE VOLUNTEERS

ENLIST NOW!

Civil Defense is a vital community necessity. In the event of an atomic disaster, your family's safety and your own may rest with the service of a well-trained neighbor, just as for his safety he must be able to depend on you. When you enlist in Civil Defense work, you are volunteering for "Operation: Neighbor."

Because you work in a great medical center, you are one of the most important volunteers that the Civil Defense organization of New York City is seeking to enlist. No mission of Civil Defense has higher priority than care of casualties and the Medical Emergency Division must have 50,000 volunteers.

The role of The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and Rockefeller Institute in the plan developed by the Medical Emergency Division is that of a surgical hospital for the reception and treatment of 3,300 seriously injured patients. In round figures, that is 2,200 more than the normal bed capacity.

That is why you are so urgently needed as a Civil Defense volunteer here. Tell members of your family and your friends to register here too, if they live within walking distance of the Center.

You will be given an opportunity to register for Civil Defense in your own department. Volunteers will visit each department to register you and to answer your questions about Civil Defense. If you are not on duty the day members of your department sign up, please register in the Volunteer Office, H-017. Enrolling now does not mean that you will have to give up your free time.

Whether you volunteer as a technician, cook, litter bearer, messenger, garage helper, radio operator, social worker, clerk or photographer, YOU are needed here.

## LOYALTY OATH

All Civil Defense volunteers will be asked to sign the Loyalty Oath which affirms your allegiance to your country. After your Loyalty Oath has been signed, you will be given your Civil Defense identification card.

The Center is planning a mass swearing in of all Civil Defense volunteers. This will be an impressive ceremony and you don't want to miss it. The date of the ceremony will be announced later.

## MOVIES

Movies explaining the atom bomb and your protection against it have been shown at the Center and will be shown again at least once a month in the future. Watch the bulletin boards for the movie schedule.

## FIRST AID

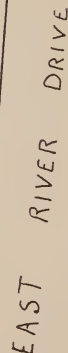
First aid training is recommended as basic training for all Civil Defense volunteers. Many of your co-workers are presently taking courses. If you have not had a first aid course within the last three years, you should sign up. See Mr. Malloy in Room M-08.

## DID YOU KNOW?

...that in the event of disaster, some 500 convalescent and non-acute patients could be discharged from our Hospital to Rockefeller Institute to await evacuation, thus providing facilities for the reception of 500 casualties in the Center in addition to the 2,200 provided for already in expansion plans?

REGISTER FOR CIVIL DEFENSE AT THE NEW YORK HOSPITAL-CORNELL MEDICAL CENTER

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SECOND REVISED DRAFT

January 18, 1952

Subject: Civil Defense Test Exercise of Evacuation of Ambulatory Patients

On Thursday, February 14, at 2:30 P.M., a civil defense practice exercise will be held. The internal air raid alarm signal (Mr. Walke's responsibility) will be sounded at 2:30 P.M. and all patients, personnel and visitors will follow the air raid alarm instructions that have been published. Bed patients will not participate. At 2:45 P.M. the all-clear signal will be sounded when patients will be returned to their areas. At this time members of the house staff will initiate the evacuation from their units of designated volunteers, simulating ambulatory patients, who will be evacuated to Rockefeller Institute. No registered patients will be evacuated during this test exercise. Volunteers will carry their personal belongings and their dummy charts in a paper shopping bag.

Mr. Messner and Mrs. Kinzel will be in charge of the evacuation station at Baker Pavilion Entrance. Volunteer patients will be sent in groups of 12 to the Rockefeller Institute. On arrival at Rockefeller Institute charts will be surrendered and patients assigned to domiciliary areas.

During the period from 2:30 to 2:45 P.M. the following individuals wearing arm bands will be assigned specific areas to observe the conduct of patients and personnel:

Dr. George A. Wolf	Out Patient Department
Mr. Vassar Johnson	Private Patients Floors from 17 to 12 inclusive
Mr. Walton	M Building, 7th through 1st floors
Mrs. Belton	Pediatric Pavilions
Mr. McBride	H Building, from 9th to 2nd floors inclusive
Miss Bresnahan	G Building, from 9th to 2nd floors inclusive
Mr. Payson	1st floor of the entire hospital
Dr. Hanlon	Medical School
Dr. Groeschel	Nurses Residence
Mr. Adams	Payne Whitney Clinic
Miss Campbell	Basement floor of main hospital, Pediatrics and Woman's Clinic
Mr. Walke	Sub-basement floor of main hospital, Pediatrics and Woman's Cl.

All observers will make their report to the Director immediately following the test exercise.

